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and determine all such Cases, and as he shall see just and reasonable Cause, either to acquit and discharge such Persons, or fine them according to the Direction of the afore-mention'd Act of Assembly, to the Ules therein mentioned; and to be levied in Manner as thereby is directed. And every Justice of the Peace, awarding such Fines against any Person as aforelaid, are hereby required to keep a fair Account of all such return a fair Fines, and to return a true List thereof to the Justices of the County-Account of the Courts yearly, at the Time of laying the County-Levies, of which Ac-County-Courts count the said County-Courts shall cause their Clerks to give a sair Copy to the Sheriff of the County in order to collect such Fines and Forfeitures: and on Refusal of Payment thereof, the Sheriff is hereby empowered to powered to le. levy the same by Way of Execution, in the same Manner as the Publick and County-Levies of this Province have usually been levyed and collected, and render an Account thereof to the Justices of the respective County-Courts, to be applied to the Uses aforesaid.

> An ACT for the Encouragement of Learning, and erecting Schools in the several Counties within this Province. 1723

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H BR E AS the preceeding Assemblies for some Years past, have had much at Heart the absolute Necessity they have lain under, in Regard both to Duty and Interest, to make the best Provision in their Power for the liberal and pious Education of the Youth of this Province, and Improving the natural Abili-In order to ties and Accuteness, (which seems not to be inserior to any) so as to be fitfary Provision ted for the Discharge of their Duties in the several Stations and Employfor the Educa- ments they may be called to and employed in, either in Regard to

tion of Youth, Church or State; and for that End laid an Imposition on fundry Commodities exported out of, and others imported into this Province, and other Fines, for the raising a Fund for the erecting and supporting a good School in each County within this Province, which has succeeded with fuch defired Effect that it is now thought necessary, and it is prayed that

it may be enacted,

And be it Enacted, by the Lord Proprietor, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That in some convenient Time after the End of this present Session of Assembly, there shall (for the Ends before-mention'd) be erected One School in each County within this Province, at the most convenient Places, as near the Center of the County as may be, and as may be most convenient for the Boarding of Children, at the Discretion of the Visitors, or the major Part of them, that are hereafter nominated, appointed and empowered by this Act, in each County.

Of which, Vifitors are to be appointed.

Be it therefore Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That for the Time being, the Seven several Persons hereafter named for each County, be and are hereby nominated and appointed, and named Visitors, and are empowered with full and sufficient Authority for dissharging the several Offices, Duties and Trusts, reposed in and required

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